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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT OF YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL FOR TRIPARTITE
TALKS

1. MARCH 30 MAINICHI CARRIES FRONT PAGE REPORT, ATTRIBUTED TO "EAST EUROPEAN DIPLOMATIC SOURCE IN JAPAN", DESCRIBING YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL FOR TRIPARTITE TALKS. REPORT STATES THAT PROPOSAL WAS CONVEYED TO U.S. SIDE DURING TITO VISIT, HAS PRESIDENT CARTER'S ENDORSEMENT, AND HAS SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN TRANSMITTED TO KOREAN PARTIES. PROPOSAL IS CHARACTERIZED AS EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT "GERMAN-TYPE SOLUTION" FOR KOREA.

2. SHORTLY AFTER ARTICLE APPEARED KOREAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR CALLED TO BRING IT TO EMBOFF'S ATTENTION. HE ASKED WHETHER WE THOUGHT REPORT WAS ACCURATE, AND WHAT USG REACTION WOULD BE TO PROPOSAL. EMBOFF SAID PROPOSAL ALONG THOSE LINES HAD BEEN PRESENTED BY YUGOSLAVS, AS SEOUL GOVERNMENT WELL KNEW. PRESSED FOR U.S. "REACTION," EMBOFF SAID IDEA WAS CONSISTENT WITH OUR POLICY ON
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CONTACTS WITH DPRK, AND THAT ALTHOUGH DPRK ATTITUDE WAS PROBLEMATIC, ROK OUGHT NOT REJECT PROPOSAL OUT OF HAND.

3. YUGOSLAV EMBASSY COUNSELOR, WHO HAD JUST BECOME AWARE OF ARTICLE, COMMENTED TO POLITICAL COUNSELOR ARTICLE MIGHT NOT HAVE ORIGINATED IN TOKYO AND APPEARED

TO HAVE BEEN PLANTED BY SOMEONE WHO KNEW NORTH KOREANS
WOULD BE DISTURBED BY PUBLICITY AND DID NOT WANT
PROPOSAL TO SUCCEED.

4. ARTICLE AND EXTENSIVE INSIDE PAGE COMMENTARY WILL
BE SUMMARIZED SEPTEL. MANSFIELD

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